

WEST LAFAYETTE TRAFFIC COMMISSION
WEST LAFAYETTE CITY BUILDING
WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

TIME: 5:00 pm, Tuesday, March 18, 2009

PLACE: Lower Level Conference Room

PRESENT:	Dave Buck	Carrie Ehresman
	Vicki Burch	Karen O'Farrell
	David Christian	Larry Preo
	David Downey	Larry Wood

VISITORS:	Beth Cook	Wendy Field
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In the absence of Chairman Sinha, Dave Buck brought the meeting to order and determined there was a quorum. Ms. Burch made a motion to approve the February minutes, Mr. Christian seconded and the minutes were approved as written.

NEW BUSINESS:

09-06 Grant Street & Highland Drive Speed Limit Signs

Mr. Buck brought to the commission a citizen request for speed limit signs to be installed on two streets, Grant Street and Highland Drive. Mr. Buck stated that there are currently no speed limit signs on Grant Street between Northwestern and Salisbury. Mr. Buck recommended that three to four signs (in each direction) be posted along this section of Grant. On Highland, Mr. Buck suggested one speed limit sign in each direction.

Mr. Wood made a motion to install the signs per Mr. Buck's recommendations. Ms. Burch seconded and the motion passed.

09-07 Happy Hollow Road Street Sign Request

Mr. Buck brought to the commission a citizen request for "Happy Hollow Road" street signs to be installed at Happy Hollow Road (SR 443) and Sagamore Parkway (US 52). Mr. Buck distributed a drawing showing the existing signage at the intersections of SR 443 and US 52.

INDOT has jurisdiction over the signage of these two roads. Mr. Buck will contact them with a request that they install a "Right to Happy Hollow Road" exit sign on west bound US 52. Mr. Buck does not recommend any additional signage east bound.

INDOT may be hesitant to install local road signs at the state's expense. Mr. Downey suggested that we may ask them to install a park sign for Happy Hollow Park. They may be more inclined to add a sign for the park, since there is not one at this intersection.

OLD BUSINESS:

06-07 Parking on Palmer

Mr. Buck brought to the commission a concern from two Palmer Drive residents. The first request is to trim a tree to make a yield sign more visible at Burke Court and Palmer Drive. Mr. Buck will contact the homeowner to see if this is a possibility.

The citizens are also concerned that people are driving too fast on Palmer Drive. The residents have suggested that parking be removed on the north side of Palmer and/or a speed limit sign be installed. Mr. Buck reminded the commission that this item was discussed in 2006, and additional yellow paint was added to Palmer Drive in September 2007.

Mr. Buck stated that he would have a hard time justifying additional work in this location. He will look at the intersections and make sure there is the appropriate amount of yellow paint for site distance. However, following engineering standards, the city is at the limit of work it can do at this location. If additional yellow curbing were added, vehicles would likely travel faster. To date, there is no accident history in this area. Mrs. Ehresman stated that it appears the public parking is being used as it was intended.

With regard to adding a speed limit sign, Mr. Buck stated that the posted speed would be 30mph, which is likely faster than what vehicles are actually traveling. Mrs. O'Farrell agreed and stated that the perception of speed when vehicles are going around a corner is faster than the reality of how fast they are actually traveling.

08-17 Yeager Road, Phase 1

The same citizens also had a concern about the left turn from southeast bound Northwestern Avenue onto north bound Yeager Road. The citizens suggested making this a protected left turn arrow. Mr. Buck stated that this intersection is state controlled, and will likely have dramatic changes with the Yeager Road, Phase 1 project. It is likely that this signalized intersection will be replaced with a roundabout. A roundabout would eliminate all left turns.

NEXT MEETING: 5:00 pm, Wednesday, April 15, 2009

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D.M. Buck".

David M. Buck, P.E.
City Engineer

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